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Mr. John Collins
Ebbetts Field
Brooklyn N.Y.

Dear Mr. Collins:

I hope the contents of this letter do not lead you to believe that you have been dealing with some one entirely unreliable, but the fact is that a situation has arisen that I had not anticipated. I am sure when The ball club I was planning to come to Brooklyn with on July 14th asked me to secure the date in Ebbetts Field, they had every intention of coming to Brooklyn to play the game. Since that time there has been so much pressure put on this same team in order to keep Negro League Baseball out of Brooklyn, that we decided to put off coming to Brooklyn until such time as our organization will be able to handle the situation.

I am very sorry to have to ask you to cancel the date you had so kindly consented to let us play Sunday July 14th, but at this time I feel it is the sensible thing to do.

Please accept my thanks for your cooperation, and feel sure that when I come to you again with a request for the rental of Ebbetts Field, I will be sure of the cooperation of all concerned.

Very Truly Yours